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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 USC 371**

International Application No.: PCT/US00/40704
International Filing Date: August 21, 2000
Priority Date Claimed: August 19, 1999
Title of Invention: **PRESERVATION OF BACTERIAL CELLS AT AMBIENT TEMPERATURES**
Applicants for DO/EO/US: Victor Bronshtein, Charles Isaac, Gordana M. Djordjevic,

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. (X) This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371.
2. (X) This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 USC 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
3. (X) A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
4. (X) A copy of the International Application as filed (35 USC 371(c)(2)) not necessary as the application was filed with the RO/US.
5. (X) Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3)) have not been made and will not be made.
6. (X) **A FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT.** At page 1, line 4, prior to the first line of text, please add the following paragraph:

This application is the U.S. National Phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No. PCT/US00/4074 which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/149,795.

7. (X) The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
8. (X) A return prepaid postcard.
9. (X) A PTO Form 1449 listing five (5) references that were cited in the ISA. As these references are already of record in this application, no copies of these references are submitted. The Form 1449 is submitted solely for the convenience of the PTO.

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10. (X) The following fees are submitted:

				FEES
BASIC FEE				\$355
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	
Total Claims	12 - 20 =	0 ×	\$9	\$0
Independent Claims	1 - 3 =	0 ×	\$42	\$0
Multiple dependent claims(s) (if applicable)			\$140	\$0
Fee for Petition to Revive				\$620
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS				\$975

11. (X) The fee for later submission of the signed oath or declaration set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(e) will be paid upon submission of the declaration.
12. (X) A check in the amount of \$975.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.
13. (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge only those additional fees which may be required, now or in the future, to avoid abandonment of the application, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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